

14. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said plurality of phases include at least a beginning of life phase, a middle of life phase and a maturity phase.
15. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said selected service procedure for said beginning of life phase has a low impact on the long term life of said printhead.
16. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said selected service procedure for said middle of life phase has a moderate impact on the long term life of said printhead.
17. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said selected service procedure for said maturity phase has a severe impact on the long term life of said printhead.
18. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said processor for determining said calculated age comprises utilizing at least one factor selected from the group consisting of: volume of ink expelled, type of previous service procedures, number of previous service procedures, types of previous failures, number of previous failures, time and number of print jobs printed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 12-18 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-18 have been amended to correct a typographical error by changing "method" to "apparatus" in line 1 of each of these claims.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,361,138 to Seino et al., hereafter Seino. This